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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE, INFO DOD WASHDC, MOSCOW,
NATO FROM STOCKHOLM JAN 07:

QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STOCKHOLM 063

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: REPORTED NEAR COLLISION OF AIRCRAFT

REF: STOCKHOLM 0052 (071235Z)

1. STOCKHOLM AFTERNOON PRESS JANUARY 7 CARRIED STORIES
BASICALLY REHASHING MORNING MEDIA ACCOUNTS OF ALLEGED
NEAR COLLISION BETWEEN US MILITARY PLANE AND AEROFLOT
COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT JANUARY 5 (REFTEL) AND SUBSEQUENT
SWEDISH CIVIL AVIATION BOARD LETTER OF PROTEST TO
EMBASSY. NO NEW DETAILS OF EITHER THE SEPTEMBER OR
JANUARY INCIDENTS WERE PRESENTED. PRESS REPORTS DO
NOTE THAT "ESPIONAGE FLIGHTS" ALONG SWEDEN'S BALTIC
COAST BY THE EAST AND WEST ARE FREQUENT, AND THAT
AMERICAN FLIGHTS ARE VERY REGULAR, "ALMOST DAILY."

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2. SWEDISH DEFENSE MINISTER ERIC KRONMARK, FROM HIS
HOME IN SOUTHERN SWEDEN, IS QUOTED BY PRESS AS SAYING
THAT RESPECT FOR CONTROLLED AIRSPACE IS "AN IMPERATIVE
REQUIREMENT." KRONMARK ADDED THAT GOS IS "WELL AWARE OF
THESE INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES," BUT HAD NOT HEARD THAT
SUCH FLIGHTS HAD "PREVIOUSLY ENDANGERED AIR SAFETY IN
OUR CORRIDORS." HE WITHHELD FURTHER COMMENT PENDING AN

INVESTIGATION.

3. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM UPI SOURCE THAT THE CIVIL AVIATION BOARD MEMBER QUOTED IN THE SWEDISH PRESS NOW TELLS UPI THAT THE "PROTEST LETTER" REFERRED TO IN MEDIA ACCOUNTS IS NOT IN FACT RELATED TO THE JANUARY 5 INCIDENT. THE LETTER HE HAD REFERRED TO WAS ONE RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY ON DECEMBER 28 REGARDING THE SEPTEMBER INCIDENTS. SINCE THE LATEST OCCURRENCE HAS NOT YET BEEN INVESTIGATED, THE OFFICIAL, ACCORDING TO UPI, SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF THERE WOULD BE A LETTER DEALING WITH THE JANUARY 5 INCIDENT.

4. AS STATED REFTEL, EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED FACTUAL INFORMATION FROM SWEDISH AUTHORITIES REGARDING THE INCIDENT. IF INDEED, THERE IS NO LETTER AS YET FROM THE CIVIL AVIATION BOARD PROTESTING THE JANUARY 5 INCIDENT, WE EXPECT IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE THEIR INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED. SMITH UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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